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In re Application
BERNA, Philippe et al
Serial No. 08/321,589
Filed: Oct. 12, 1994
For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (a) and (b)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 3, 1995 and Advisory Action of July 26, 1995, before any action, please amend as follows:

THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the substitute specification and the corresponding marked-up substitute specification submitted for complying with requirement of advisory action of 07/26/95.

THE CLAIMS

Please, rewrite claims 1-9 and 12-14 in amended form:

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--1. (five times amended) The method of making a [multipurpose] device for holding objects by clamping without any risk at all of damaging them comprising the steps of:

a) providing a cylindrical support part with a section circular or not,

b) placing on said support part two arms of which one at least is movable [, that is to say can slide] along said support part,

c) securing to [at least] one of said two arms at a [single] distance from said support part [with] one substantially elastic buffer having under its [a] contact face, which is essentially at a right angle to said support part, [and under which the] a so large thickness [is large enough so] that said buffer could act as a compression spring.

--2. (five times amended) A [multipurpose] device for holding objects by clamping without any risk at all of damaging them, comprising:

- a cylindrical support part with a section circular or not,
- two arms of which one at least is movable [, that is to say can slide] along said support part,
- and one substantially elastic buffer secured to [at least] one of said two arms at a [single] distance from said support part, said buffer having under its